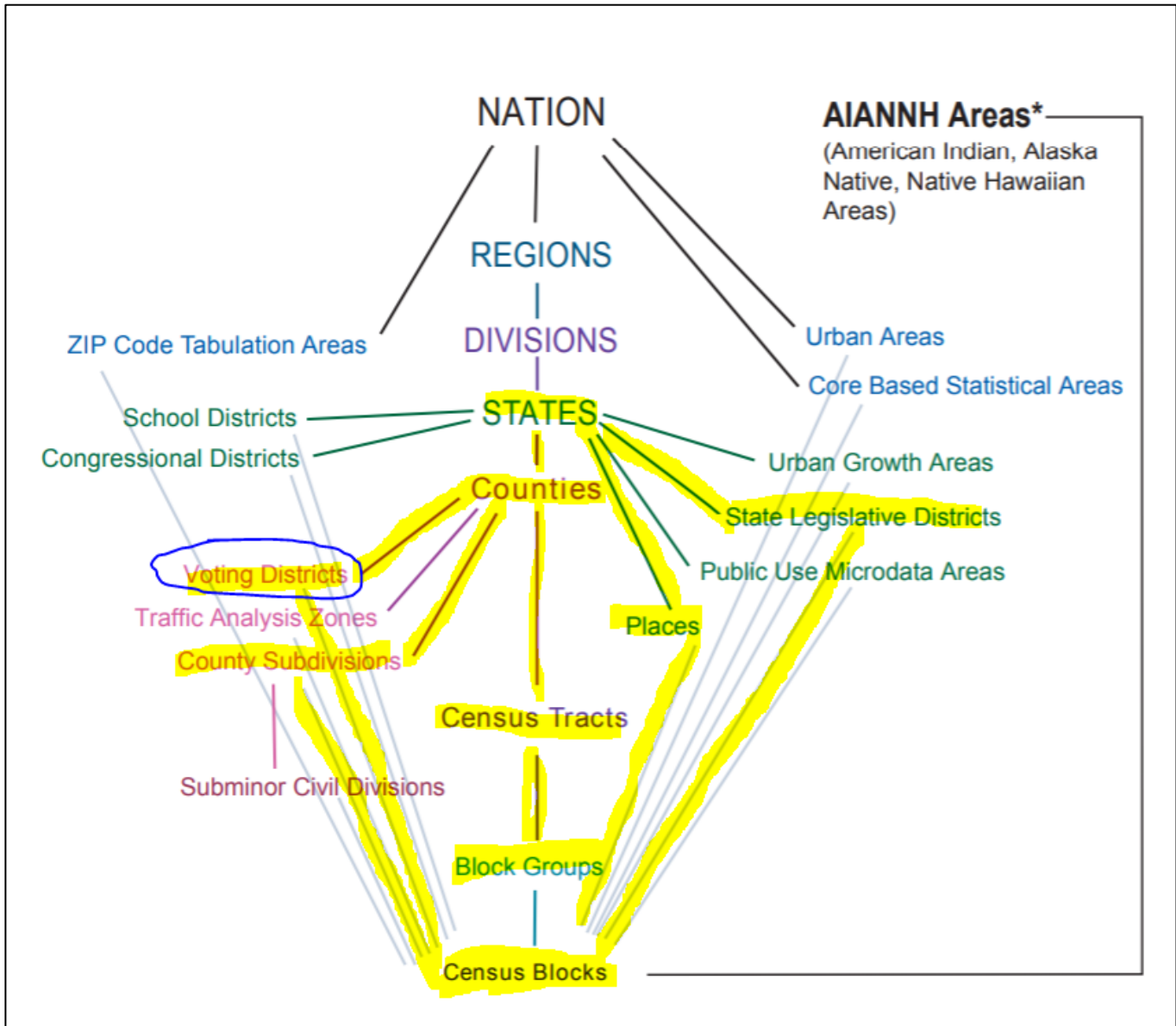


Hierarchy of Census Geographic Entities

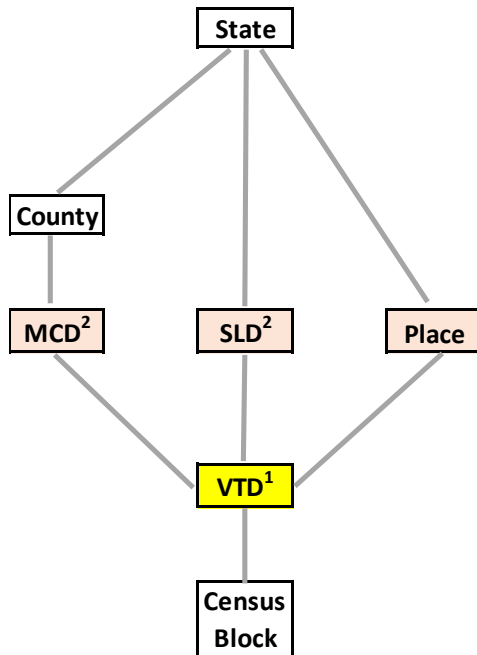
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Hierarchy of Census Geographic Entities

Block – **VTD** – **MCD** – County – State (Minor Civil Divisions/Magisterial Districts)
Block – **VTD** – **SLD** – State (State Legislative Districts)
Block – **VTD** – **Place** – State (Incorporated Places)
Block – **Block Group** – **Tract** – County – State (Census Nongovernmental Statistical Entities)



Census Block = Smallest nongovernmental statistical entity

MCD = Minor Civil Division or Magisterial District

Place = Incorporated Place or Municipality

SLD = State Legislative District (Senate or Delegate)

VTD = **Voting District of Precinct**

¹ Apportioned by registered voters

² Apportioned by decennial census population

Notes:

In West Virginia, **Voting Districts** (VTDs) or Precincts conform to county subdivision **Magisterial Districts**, also known as Minor Civil Divisions (MCDs).

State and county boundaries always are census tract boundaries in the standard census geographic hierarchy. Refer to documentation on [Census Geographic Relationships](#).

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